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1. The Soviet Air Force has set up a large munitions depot in Budapest. The work was begun in 1950 and delivery of munitions began in 1951.
2. The magazine is located in the Kelenföld suburb of Budapest, on the grounds of the famous "Hunyadi János" water bottling company at the corner of Rudaörsi Street and Körbereki Street. It is bordered by a road between the Kelenföld station and Budaörsi Street.
3. The auto entrance is from Körbereki Street.
4. The magazine has a spur railroad line from Kelenföld station. There are loading ramps between the buildings of the depot.
5. Up to the present, deliveries have been made only to Kelenföld by rail, being picked up there by Russian trucks for transport to the depot.
6. The whole area is surrounded by barbed wire 2.5 m. high. There is a constant guard of five Russian soldiers, equipped with machine pistols and hand grenades. The guards belong to the Soviet Air Force.
7. The complex consists of: five wooden barracks, 10 by 15 m, which formerly belonged to the owners of the spring; one two-storied brick building, 25 by 52 m, formerly a paper storehouse; four new two-storied buildings, 23 by 30 m, constructed by the Russians. The old buildings are painted black and earth color and are well hidden. The Russians have painted the new buildings in similar colors.
8. The total capacity of the magazine is 20,800 cubic meters.

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9. Considerable quantities of munitions in cases are also stored in open air under canvas.
10. The quantity of munitions in storage during the winter of 1952 was 2,200 to 2,500 tons. It consisted of bombs and ammunition for Russian planes.

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